

Cedar Mesa Conditions Report

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Roads are dry across the mesa and the county road grader has been out working on them—so road conditions will likely improve somewhat on main Cedar Mesa roads during the week. Hikers may still find snow/ice on north-facing sections of trail. Quicksand may still be found in the Grand Gulch. Warmer temperatures will cause snow at higher elevations to melt, which may result in flooding in the canyons.

Springs

	Description	Last Update
Junction	Intermittent pools found at the junction. Upper part of Kane is trickling, brackish/stagnant pools.	4/8/2023
Todie	Pools may be expected upstream of Grand Gulch.	4/1/2023
Lion Tracks	Intermittent pools found through Grand Gulch.	4/8/2023
Coyote	Probably pools, but no recent report.	
Green Mask	Spring water is flowing clear.	4/8/2023
Jailhouse	Spring is trickling but has algae growth and a froggy smell.	4/4/2023
Bullet Confluence	Gulch flowing downstream of confluence.	4/4/2023
Green House	Flowing clear at junction and downstream of Gulch.	4/4/2023
Step	Flowing clear.	4/4/2023
Dripping	Flowing, clear pools 30 min upstream.	4/4/2023
Polly's	Clear water flowing intermittently down canyon to the Gulch and collecting in pools.	4/2/2023
Middle Fork Deer	Deep, clear pools.	4/9/2023
Bannister	No recent update.	
Lower Gulch	Flowing intermittently, 1-3' deep pools with quicksand.	4/2/2023
Slickhorn	Water flowing intermittently but drying up SL 4-6.	3/30/2023
Upper Fish	Fish is flowing and water can be expected until about 2 miles from the confluence.	4/9/2023

Fish/Owl Confluence	Lower Fish is flowing and may be muddy.			3/19/2023
Upper Owl	Flowing intermittently above the Big Pour-off. Water can be expected at the pour-off.			4/9/2023
Neville’s Arch	No recent report.			
Roads				
	Condition	Access	Description	Last Update
Comb Wash	Wash flowing	4WD	Comb Wash was flowing on 4/9/2023, 2’ deep	4/9/2023
Butler Wash	Dry	2WD	Ruts on roadway.	3/26/2023
Todie	Dry	2WD		4/9/2023
Fish/Owl	Dry	High Clearance		4/2/2023
Snow Flat	Dry	AWD High Clearance	Ruts on roadway.	4/9/2023
Cigarette Springs	Dry	4WD	Mostly dry. High clearance 4WD recommended for spur roads.	4/9/2023
Slickhorn/Government	Dry	2WD	Recently graded! 4WD recommended to access Government Trail	4/9/2023
Bullet	Dry	2WD High Clearance	Some minor ruts.	4/2/2023
Collins		High Clearance	No Recent reports. Probably dry. High Clearance recommended.	
Sundance	Dry	2WD	Dark Canyon is flowing 3’ deep with dangerous stream crossings.	4/9/2023
Valley of the Gods	Dry	2WD		4/9/2023
Conditions on Cedar Mesa can change dramatically due to storms which may cause flash flooding and create impassable road conditions. Be aware that springs may dry up completely, without notice, due to the extended drought conditions being experienced in the western states.				